

Gatton Property
SM-676
23182 Three Notch Road (MD 235)
California vicinity
Circa 1948
Private

The main residence of the Gatton Property, (consisting of the main residence at 23182 and two additional dwellings constructed circa 1955), was most likely built *circa* 1948 following the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) earlier in the decade. Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575. With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235); intense modern commercial development has occurred within the past decade, further transforming the landscape.

This one-story gable-roof frame house is a common example of the type of dwelling that was constructed during the mid-twentieth century. Houses built during this time typically consisted of 1 or 1.5-story frame or brick dwellings in Cape Cod, bungalow and ranch styles. They commonly had gable roofs (both front and side facing), multi-pane double-hung sash and tripartite picture windows, and minimal decorative details such as brick window sills, shutters and sometimes simple moldings or pilasters at the main entry. Variations on the basic type included concrete block construction (sometimes stucco covered) and a hipped roof. These house types, which feature similar massing, shape and materials, were built in large numbers following World War II.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-676

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Gatton House

2. Location

street & number 23182 Three Notch Road (MD 235)

not for publication

city, town California

☒ vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Catherine E. Gatton

street & number Star Route 235 Box 225

telephone

city, town California

state and zip code MD 20619

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

St. Mary's County Courthouse

tax map and parcel

34-48

city, town California

liber and folio

022/128

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence at 23182 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 125 feet east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a gable-roof concrete block shed is situated north of the dwelling. The property also contains two small frame residences constructed in the early-to-mid 1950s.

The 1-story rectangular frame building clad in fiberboard siding is supported by a concrete block foundation with a raised basement. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with a center brick chimney that extends through the east slope of the roof and an exterior end chimney that rises along the southwest corner of the dwelling. It appears as though the house was originally ell-shaped and the northeast corner was enclosed with a shed-roof addition. A shed-roof carport has been appended to the south elevation of the building.

The west, or main, elevation contains three bays: a door in the northwest corner and two tripartite picture windows with center fixed sash flanked by two-over-two double-hung sash in the center and south bays. Three awning windows with brick sills are located in the foundation. The south elevation of the main block contains four windows in the first story: small single fixed sash flank either side of the exterior chimney, with paired six-over-one double-hung sash in the center bay and a single six-over-one double-hung sash window in the eastern bay. A one-light window is located in the gable. Three awning windows with brick sills are located in the foundation. The east elevation of the main block contains a six-over-one double-hung sash with decorative shutters in the first story, and a door in the ground floor (basement) level. The east elevation of the addition includes a door flanked by single six-over-one double-hung sash with decorative shutters. A modern wood deck extends eastward from this addition. The north elevation of the main block contains a set of paired six-over-one windows in the east end, and single six-over-one windows in the center and west bays. A one-over-one double-hung sash is located in the gable. Three awning windows with brick sills are located in the foundation.

A one-story frame dwelling is located north of the main residence. The fiberboard-clad building is supported by a concrete block foundation and has an asphalt shingle gable roof with a central brick chimney, a cross gable screened entry porch in the south elevation, and a one-story gable-roof addition on the east end. A second one-story frame residence supported by a concrete block foundation is located northwest of the main residence. The building has an asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney in the east end and a shed roof extension covering an enclosed porch on the southwest corner of the dwelling. A frame gable-roof shed stands northeast of this dwelling.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> health/ medicine
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> industry
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
		<input type="checkbox"/> law
		<input type="checkbox"/> literature
		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history
		<input type="checkbox"/> military
		<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
		<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
		<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion
		<input type="checkbox"/> science
		<input type="checkbox"/> social history
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Further major alterations to the dwelling have compromised its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR program</p> </div> <div> <p>9/25/99 Date</p> <p>11/6/98 Date</p> </div> </div>	

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Southern Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present
Historic Period Theme(s):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Urban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 38,332 sq. ft.
Acreage surveyed 38,332 sq. ft.
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 48, Map 34, Grid 16

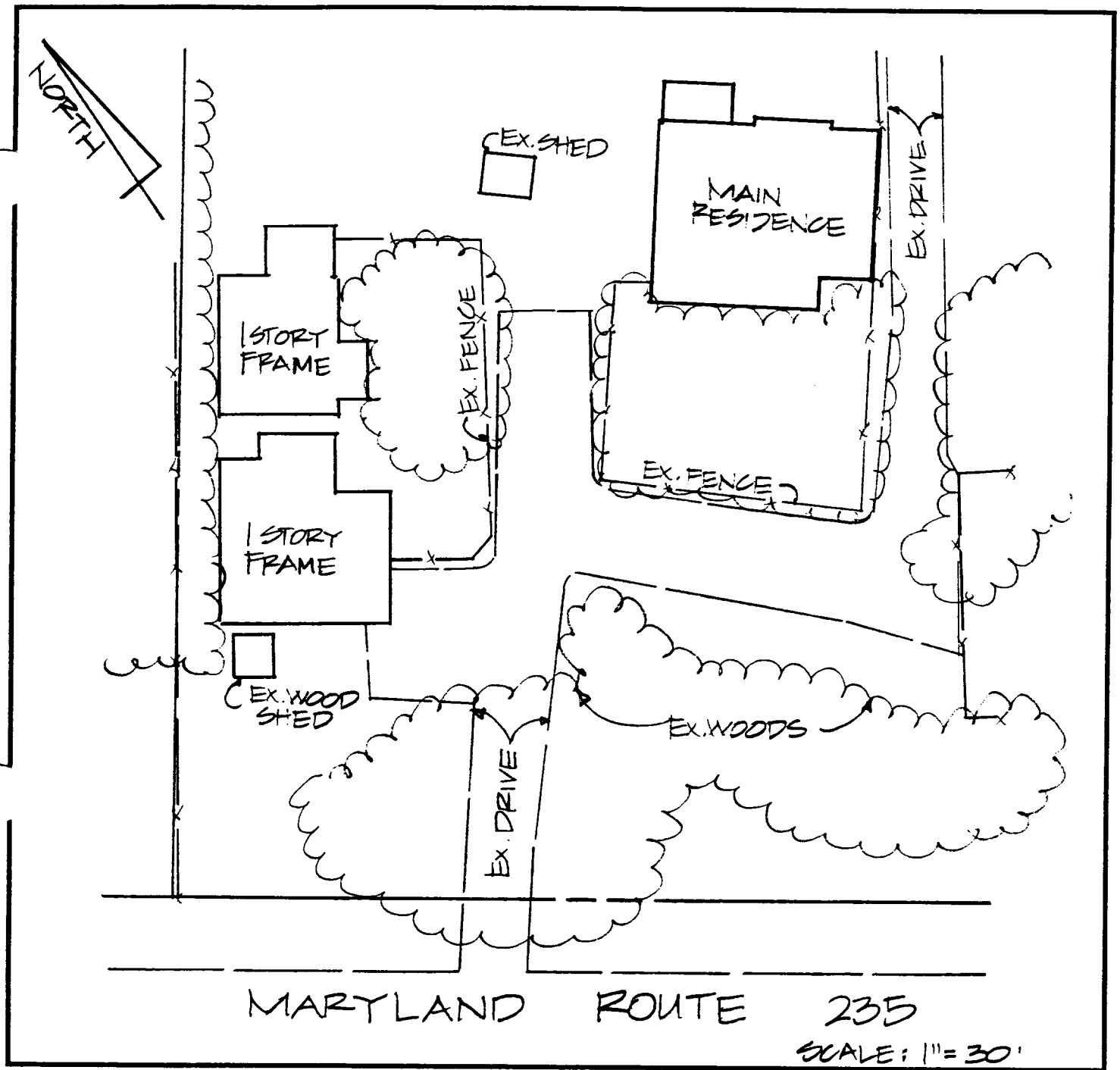
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Gatton Property, 23182 Three Notch Road
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
 Resource Sketch Map

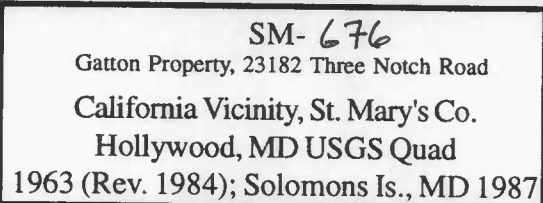


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**MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246
 St. Mary's County, MD**

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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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W + S elev. looking NE

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E + N elev looking SW

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S + E elev. looking NW

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W + S elev. looking NE

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MS SHPO

W + S elev. of W. res. looking NE

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S + E elev. of E. res. looking NW

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